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House Bill No. **5358**

Introduced by Honorable Carmelo F. Lazatin

EXPLANATORY NOTE

THE 1987 Constitution recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building while the State, in accordance with the Charter, shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being

Putting premium on the physical aspect, the advancement of students in the public preparatory, kindergarten, elementary and high school levels is hampered not just by lack of fund and school facilities but by health problems as well.

Most common of these health problems are lice and skin diseases such as fungal infection. These problems afflict most, if not all, of our students in public schools.

These problems, simple as they may be, could greatly affect a student's academic performance and could lead to poor quality of learning.

This bill seeks to address the problem by providing free regular lice and skin disease check-up and treatment for public preparatory, kindergarten, elementary and high school students.

The passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT PROVIDING FREE LICE AND SKIN DISEASES TREATMENT FOR ALL PUBLIC
PREPARATORY, KINDERGARTEN, ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

BE it enacted in the Senate and the House of Representatives in Congress assembled:

Sec. 1. Title: This act shall be known as "Free Lice and Skin Disease Treatment for Students Act of 2011".

Sec. 2. Declaration of Policy: It is State's policy to promote and protect the youth's physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being

In view of this, the free lice and skin diseases treatment must be conducted to uplift the youth's physical well-being, resulting to high quality of learning for all students in public preparatory, kindergarten, elementary and high schools.

Sec. 3. Implementing agencies: The Department of Health (DOH), Department of Education (DepEd) and the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) shall provide the rules, regulations and methods to be used to ensure the successful implementation of the program.

Sec. 4. Report: The DepEd, DOH and DILG shall submit a monthly progress report on the status of the campaign and the progress of the students being treated for lice and other skin diseases.

Sec. 5. Appropriations: The amount needed for the implementation of this Act shall be taken from the annual general appropriations of the DOH, DepEd and DILG.

Sec. 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations: The Secretaries of Health, Education and Interior and Local Government, within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

Sec. 7: Separability clause: The declaration of unconstitutionality or invalidity of any provisions of this Act shall not affect the other provisions.

Sec . 8 Repealing clause: Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or is inconsistent with the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

Sec. 9. Effectivity: This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,